

# Needham High School Civics Showcase: *Students Advocate for Change*

June 8, 2024, 2-3:30 pm

Welcome - Carol Patey, LWV Needham President  
 Opening Song - Members of the Needham High Chorus  
 Guest Speaker - Paula Dickerman, Needham Housing Coalition  
**Visit Student Advocacy Tables**

Table	Topic	Issue	Student Advocates
101A	Police/Prison/Judiciary	Raising the age & eliminating mandatory sentence for juveniles	Nancy U Jones, Luisa M Shea
101B	Mental Health/Substances	Access to mental health supports in k-12; more counselors	Jill Peabody, Samantha Bonasia
102A	Healthcare	An Act to ensure equitable healthcare for children	Lilly Mandel, Brianna Bondar
102B	Immigration	Bill H.1279 relative to in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education.	Leah Wang, Anwar Hneidi
103A	Guns	Amend general gun laws to include/better regulate ghost guns & 3-D printed guns	Samuel Galovski, Andrew Stein
103B	Healthcare	Help families struggling with health insurance	Pranay Gunda
104A	Mental Health/Substances	Impact of social media on teenagers mental health	Benjamin Gilman, Julia Gendin
104B	Animal Rights	Ban on animal testing for human cosmetic products	Julian Yuh, Anika Ray
105A	Children and Families	An act ensuring access to mental health supports in K-12 schools.	Hadley Winkler, Asha Kumar
105B	Immigration	Better access for Immigration	Samuel Tverskoy, Betty Sun
106A	Transportation /Climate	Conversion of MBTA commuter rail to electric trains by 2035.	Joshua Stephen Rosenberg, Matteo Fucentese
106B	Guns	Restrictions on ghost guns and 3d printed firearms	Luke Sokolosky, Taisir Qatanani
201A	Animal Rights	Early intervention into situations where animals are kept in a cruel manner; extend current law against abuse of all animals	Alex Randall-Collins
201B	Gender Violence	Improving resources for sexual assault victims in the Boston area.	Talia Musmon
202	Housing	Bill H.1379 Yes in My Back Yard, addressing the housing crisis.	Rina Fisch, Sarah Wilson, Meena Barnes
203	Veterans Affairs	Further care for veteran health.	Andrew Concannon, Dylan Schaffstein, Alessio Vaccaro
204	Children and Families	Ensure access to mental health supports for children K-12	Daniela Camacho, Willa Schifilliti, Gabriela Diaz
205	Children and Families	Teen sports betting	Thomas David Barker, Sean Concannon, Michael Roach
206	Healthcare	Access to health care for low-income children	Leah Dolaher, Lily Allen, Cameron Cooney
207	Student Debt	H.1265: grants for eligible college students at State-funded (MA) public colleges/universities	Alana Zaiger, Serena Berk, Therese Winicki
302B	Housing	S.866: bill in the state legislature for fair housing and a fair housing fund	Charlie Flanagan, David Lee
303	Veterans Affairs	Veteran Health Care: Accessibility for healthcare for all vets	Brandt Watson Bickford, Nathaniel Isaac Ross, Jack Francis Cooper, Tobin Jacob Shneyder
304A	Mental Health/Substances	More supportive care for serious mental illness	Daisy Grace Cox
304B	Climate/Environment	More investment in offshore wind	Corbin Seidel

305	Housing	Homes Act: comprehensive package aimed at increasing housing and lowering costs	Ananya Sharma, Mary Cutting
306	Climate/ Environment	Act establishing ecologically based mosquito management program to protect public health	Audrey Adam, Eva Adam, Lilly Meyi, Caroline Mahar
401	Student Debt	A bill designed to reduce tuition for public higher education in MA.	Jake Goldfine, Zhi Hao Liao
402B	Healthcare	Bill S.744/Bill H.1239, Medicare for All	Avi Bernstein
403	Mental Health/ Substances	Access to care for serious mental illness	Clara Ripin, Caroline Sullivan, Mia Maffeo
404	Election and Voting	Make Election Day a holiday or weekend, starting at the local level in Needham	Anthony Borrelli, Eli Schwartz
405	Reproductive Rights	S.1415: aid towards postpartum depression and helping women after they have given birth	Mia Markley, Zoe Papageorgiou, Mia Brodowski
406	Climate/ Environment	Act establishing ecologically based mosquito management program to protect public health	Claire Auffermann, Grey Whalen, Linnea Stark
502A	Children and Families	Increased resources and supports for student mental health in K-12 schools	Lillian Katz, Mary Scott Dunn
502B	Transportation /Climate	Setting deadlines to electrify the commuter rail	Xavier Eudaric, Vann Hotchkiss
503A	Children and Families	Longer paid maternity leave post-partum and post adoption	Mary Carr, Sophia Sieczkowski
503B	Healthcare	Each child should get equitable health care because it is key to their development	Emma Raphael, Karolina Brinkhaus
504A	Elections and Voting	Voter suppression	Jiyu Lee
505A	Education	Mental health support for K-12 students	Isabella Medina-Chaves, Sofia Martínez
505B	Climate/ Environment	Removal of invasive species and raising awareness for their damage to communities	Kyle Railton, Richard Shen
601	Police/Prison/ Judiciary	Educational opportunities and support for individuals in MA correctional facilities, particularly those under 22 years old	Danny Cheifetz, Declan Haynes, John Elia, Alex Duan
602	Climate /Environment	Controlling Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) through strict regulation, monitoring, and proactive mitigation strategies	Jun-Ho Yun, Abhinandan Niranjana, Chuanling Yu, Ethan T Hood
603	Animal Rights	S.2731/H.4564: promotes kennel safety	Maddie Pearson, Ella Tometsko, Alyssa Klein, Caitlin McNeill
604	Immigration	Language access	Anna Spielmann, Amelie Zosa, Maddie Webb, Clara Adams
701	Mental Health/ Substances	Creating an updated mental health educational plan for all students at different grade levels	Liana Osgood, Amelie Rijnbout, Stephanie Sucher, Ivy Brough
702	Climate/ Environment	Prevent and clean up pollution in the Charles River	Lily Bridgers, Nicole Butovsky, Rebecca Hwang, Seyedehleili Sarmadi
703	Mental Health/ Substances	Mental health aid for students	Evelyn Wright, Evelyn Tashie, Ciara Bannon, Alex Sykora

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